

THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.

ADMINISTRATION OF NORTH-EASTERN RHODESIA.

(Government Notice No. 1 of 1903.)

*Administrator's Office, Fort Jameson,
November 29, 1902.*

Root Rubber Regulations.

WHEREAS under the provisions of the North-Eastern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1900, the Administrator, with the approval of His Majesty's Commissioner, has power to make Regulations for peace, order, and good government, it is hereby notified that the Administrator has, in pursuance of the powers aforesaid, made the following Regulations:—

MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF RUBBER.

1. Every ball of rubber must be cut through the centre, and shall only be offered for sale or exported in half balls.

2. Any person who collects root rubber, or who extracts rubber from boiled bark, or who sells, purchases, or is found in possession of any root rubber or rubber extracted from boiled bark, shall be guilty of an offence.

3. Any person who adulterates rubber by mixture with sand, earth, stones, bark, wood or other foreign substance, or by soaking with water, or who sells, purchases, deals in, or is found in possession of any rubber so adulterated, shall be guilty of an offence.

4. Any Magistrate or Judicial Officer, if satisfied that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that rubber so collected, extracted, or adulterated as aforesaid, is in any premises or place within his district, may grant a warrant to search such premises or place, and if any such rubber is so found, the person executing the warrant may seize it and any person found in possession thereof, and take it and him before a Magistrate or Judicial Officer to be dealt with according to law.

5. Any person who commits any breach of these Regulations shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment, which may extend to two calendar months, or to a fine which may extend to 100l., or to both, and any rubber in respect of which the offence is committed shall be liable to forfeiture: Provided that a person who has purchased or is found in possession of any such rubber shall not be convicted of an offence if the Court is satisfied that he purchased or came into possession of the rubber innocently, and has given such information as he can with respect to the person from whom he obtained the rubber, and any other information in his power which may lead to the detection of the actual offenders.

6. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st February, 1903.

ROBERT CODRINGTON,
Administrator.

Approved:

ALFRED SHARPE,
His Majesty's Commissioner.

*Zomba, British Central Africa,
January 10, 1903.*